<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please amend claims 1, 7, and 13 as follows:

1.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-implemented method for enabling communication between disconnected applications, comprising:

(a)   a secondary application creating a <u>document that is configured to host a disconnected application, wherein:</u>

(i)   <u>the disconnected application is disconnected from the secondary application ;</u>

(ii)   <u>the disconnected application is unaware of the secondary application; and</u>

(iii)   <u>the secondary application is unaware of the disconnected application;</u>

(b)   <u>the secondary application further creating, when the secondary application creates the document, a</u> bridge object, wherein<u>:</u>

(i)   <u>an</u> interface for the bridge object enables communication ~~with~~ <u>from</u> the secondary application <u>to the disconnected application through the bridge object; and</u>

(ii)   <u>the interface enables communication from the disconnected application to the secondary application</u> through the bridge object;

(c)   registering the interface for the bridge object in a global interface table (GIT);

(d)   retrieving a cookie from the GIT in response to the registration, wherein<u>:</u>

(i)   <u>the</u> cookie comprises information for utilizing the interface for the bridge object; and

(ii)   <u>utilizing the interface enables the disconnected application to be isolated from specifics of how communication with the secondary application is accomplished; and</u>

(e)   storing the cookie in a location that is accessible to ~~a~~ the disconnected application and to the secondary application such that the cookie may be retrieved to enable use of the interface by the disconnected application and the secondary application~~, and wherein the disconnected application is unaware of the secondary application~~.

2.   (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the secondary application comprises a project hosting environment.

3.   (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the disconnected application comprises an ActiveX control.

4.   (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the registering of the interface for the bridge object in the GIT comprises placing a pointer to the interface for the bridge object in the GIT.

5.   (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4, wherein the cookie identifies the pointer and a location of the interface.

6.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

the disconnected application extracting the cookie from the location;

the disconnected application accessing the cookie to enable use of the interface for the bridge object; and

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the disconnected application communicating with the secondary application using the interface for the bridge object.

7.　　(CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for enabling communication between disconnected applications in a computer system comprising: ·

(a)　　a computer system having a memory and a data storage device coupled thereto;

(b)　　a secondary application performed by the computer;

(c)　　a document created by the secondary application, wherein the document is configured to host a disconnected application, wherein:

(i)　　the disconnected application is disconnected from the secondary application ;

(ii)　　the disconnected application is unaware of the secondary application; and

(iii)　　the secondary application is unaware of the disconnected application;

(d)　　a bridge object created by the secondary application when the document is created, wherein:

(i)　　an interface for the bridge object enables communication with from the secondary application to the disconnected application through the bridge object;

(ii)　　the interface enables communication from the disconnected application to the secondary application through the bridge object; and

(iii)　　utilizing the interface enables the disconnected application to be isolated from specifics of how communication with the secondary application is accomplished;

(d)　　a global interface table (GIT) configured to:

(i)　　accept registration of the interface for the bridge object;

(ii)   return a cookie in response to the registration, wherein the cookie

comprises information for utilizing the interface for the bridge object; and

(e)   a location configured to store the cookie, wherein the location is accessible to a

the disconnected application and the secondary application such that the cookie may be retrieved

to enable use of the interface by the disconnected application and the secondary application.

8.   (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the secondary application

comprises a project hosting environment.

9.   (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the disconnected application

comprises an ActiveX control.

10.   (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the GIT accepts the registration

of the interface for the bridge object by storing a pointer to the interface for the bridge object.

11.   (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the cookie identifies the

pointer and a location of the interface.

12.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the

disconnected application is configured to:

extract the cookie from the location;

access the cookie to enable use of the interface for the bridge object; and

communicate with the secondary application using the interface for the bridge object.

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13.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium readable by a computer and embodying one or more instructions executable by the computer to perform a method for enabling communication between disconnected applications in a computer system, the method comprising:

(a)   a secondary application creating a document that is configured to host a disconnected application, wherein:

(i)   the disconnected application is disconnected from the secondary application ;

(ii)   the disconnected application is unaware of the secondary application; and

(iii)   the secondary application is unaware of the disconnected application;

(b)   the secondary application further creating, when the secondary application creates the document, a bridge object, wherein:

(i)   an interface for the bridge object enables communication with from the secondary application to the disconnected application through the bridge object; and

(ii)   the interface enables communication from the disconnected application to the secondary application through the bridge object;

(b)   registering the interface for the bridge object in a global interface table (GIT);

(c)   retrieving a cookie from the GIT in response to the registration, wherein:

(i)   the cookie comprises information for utilizing the interface for the bridge object; and

(ii)   utilizing the interface enables the disconnected application to be isolated from specifics of how communication with the secondary application is accomplished; and

(d)   storing the cookie in a location that is accessible to a the disconnected application and to the secondary application such that the cookie may be retrieved to enable use of the interface by the disconnected application and the secondary application.

14.   (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein the secondary application comprises a project hosting environment.

15.   (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein the disconnected application comprises an ActiveX control.

16.   (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein the registering of the interface for the bridge object in the GIT comprises placing a pointer to the interface for the bridge object in the GIT.

17.   (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 16, wherein the cookie identifies the pointer and a location of the interface.

18.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein the method further comprises:

the disconnected application the cookie from the location;

the disconnected application accessing the cookie to enable use of the interface for the bridge object; and

the disconnected application communicating with the secondary application using the interface for the bridge object.

19.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1, wherein the location comprises an environment variable.

20.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1, wherein the secondary application and disconnected application are executing within a same process but in different apartments.

21.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the location comprises an environment variable.

22.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the secondary application and disconnected application are executing within a same process but in different apartments.

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23.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The article of manufacture of claim 16, wherein the location comprises an environment variable.

24.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The article of manufacture of claim 16, wherein the secondary application and disconnected application are executing within a same process but in different apartments.